

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method for generating an event monitoring display, comprising:
 - 5 receiving an event message, wherein the event message has associated therewith an identifier;
inserting the event message into a field based on the identifier;
presenting the field; and
 - 10 automatically scrolling the field so that the event message is visible.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inserting the event message into the field comprises inserting the event message into the field in ascending order based on
15 the identifier.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inserting the event message into the field comprises inserting the event message into the field in descending order based on the identifier.
- 20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inserting the event message into the field comprises inserting the event message after a previous message with the same identifier, whereby messages with the same identifier appear in chronological order.

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5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inserting the event message into the field comprises inserting the event message before a previous message with the same identifier, whereby messages with the same identifier
5 appear in reverse chronological order.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier comprises an identification and a sub identification.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the event message comprises a text message and the field is a text field.

10 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the event message includes at least one of sound data, image data, and video data.

9. A method for presenting messages in a field, comprising:

15 receiving a message, wherein the message has associated therewith an identifier;
inserting the message into a field based on the identifier; and
presenting the field.

20 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of inserting the message into the field comprises inserting the message into the field in ascending order based on the identifier.

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11. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of inserting the message into the field comprises inserting the message into the field in descending order based on the identifier.
- 5 12. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of inserting the message into the field comprises inserting the message after a previous message with the same identifier, whereby messages with the same identifier appear in chronological order.
- 10 13. The method of claim 9, wherein the identifier comprises an identification and a sub identification.
14. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of presenting the field comprises scrolling the field so that the message is visible.
- 15 15. The method of claim 9, wherein the message comprises a text message and the field is a text field.
16. The method of claim 9, wherein the message includes at least one of sound data, image data, and video data.

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17. A method for presenting messages in a field containing a plurality of messages, comprising:

receiving a plurality of messages, wherein each message has associated therewith an identifier;

5 categorizing the messages by identifier;

sorting the messages by chronology, whereby messages with the same identifier appear in chronological order;

and

presenting the messages in a field.

10 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the plurality of messages comprise text messages and the field is a text field.

19. An apparatus for generating an event monitoring display, comprising:

15 receipt means for receiving an event message, wherein the event message has associated therewith an identifier;

insertion means for inserting the event message into a field based on the identifier;

20 presentation means for presenting the field; and

scroll means for automatically scrolling the field so that the event message is visible.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the insertion means comprises means for inserting the event message

25 into the field in ascending order based on the identifier.

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21. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the insertion means comprises means for inserting the event message into the field in descending order based on the identifier.

5 22. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the insertion means comprises means for inserting the event message after a previous message with the same identifier, whereby messages with the same identifier appear in chronological order.

10 23. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the insertion means comprises means for inserting the event message before a previous message with the same identifier, whereby messages with the same identifier appear in reverse chronological order.

15 24. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the identifier comprises an identification and a sub identification.

25. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the event message comprises a text message and the field is a text field.

20 26. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the event message includes at least one of sound data, image data, and video data.

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27. An apparatus for presenting messages in a field, comprising:

receipt means for receiving a message, wherein the message has associated therewith an identifier;

5 insertion means for inserting the message into a field based on the identifier; and

presentation means for presenting the field.

28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the insertion means comprises means for inserting the message into the
10 field in ascending order based on the identifier.

29. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the insertion means comprises means for inserting the message into the field in descending order based on the identifier.

30. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the insertion
15 means comprises means for inserting the message after a previous message with the same identifier, whereby messages with the same identifier appear in chronological order.

31. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the identifier
20 comprises an identification and a sub identification.

32. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the presentation means comprises means for scrolling the field so that the message is visible.

33. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the event message
25 comprises a text message and the field is a text field.

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34. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the event message includes at least one of sound data, image data, and video data.

35. An apparatus for presenting messages in a field
5 containing a plurality of messages, comprising:
receipt means for receiving a plurality of messages,
wherein each message has associated therewith an
identifier;

10 categorization means for categorizing the messages
by identifier;

sort means for sorting the messages by chronology,
whereby messages with the same identifier appear in
chronological order; and

15 presentation means for presenting the messages in a
field.

36. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the plurality of
messages comprises a plurality of text messages and the
field is a text field.

37. A computer program product, in a computer readable
20 medium, for generating an event monitoring display,
comprising:

instructions for receiving an event message, wherein
the event message has associated therewith an identifier;

25 instructions for inserting the event message into
the field based on the identifier;

instructions for presenting the field; and

instructions for scrolling the field so that the
event message is visible.

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38. A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for presenting messages in a field, comprising:

instructions for receiving a message, wherein the message has associated therewith an identifier;

5 instructions for inserting the message into a field based on the identifier; and

instructions for presenting the field.

39. A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for presenting messages in a field containing a

10 plurality of messages, comprising:

instructions for receiving a plurality of messages, wherein each message has associated therewith an identifier;

15 instructions for categorizing the messages by identifier;

instructions for sorting the messages by chronology, whereby messages with the same identifier appear in chronological order; and

instructions for presenting the messages in a field.

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